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Grand jury indicts three; players plead not guilty

BY MELISSA MCGUIRE
MANAGING EDITOR

Three MSU students were indicted Friday by a Rowan County grand jury.

Two members of the MSU football team were indicted on charges of second-degree burglary.

Said Mortazavi, 19, a sophomore wide receiver from Miami, Fla., and Alex Rodriguez, 21, a junior defensive lineman from Secaucus, N.J., were arrested Sept. 4, on burglary charges after an alleged dorm room break-in at West Mignon Hall on Sept. 1.

According to a criminal complaint, two residents of 411 West Mignon returned home to find Rodriguez going through belongings in the room.

Mortazavi and Rodriguez told police they went into the room after seeing two men run from the room about five minutes earlier.

Mortazavi told *The Trail Blazer* last month, that he and Rodriguez only entered the room to see if there was anyone in the room and if everything was alright.

Both Mortazavi and Rodriguez pleaded not guilty to the class C felony charges Friday.

If convicted of the charges, the players could face a jail sentence of from five to 10 years.

Mortazavi and Rodriguez were also evicted from their West Mignon dorm rooms following the arrest, according to published reports.

MSU Sports Information Director Randy Stacy said the two players have been suspended from the MSU football team for an indefinite period of time pending the outcome of the trial.

A trial is scheduled for March 4.

Duane B. Murphy, 19, of 112 Butler Hall, was indicted on felony charges of theft of a motor vehicle, possession of a handgun, and receiving stolen property over \$300.

Murphy was arrested and charged with the felony charges following a routine traffic stop on Sept. 17.

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Special Equestrian Brian Connell rides solo at MSU's Derricks Farm. Brian and about 20 other disabled students from Rowan County participate in weekly riding therapy sessions. (Photo by Robbie Hay)

SPECIAL EQUESTRIANS

Disabled youths given ride of their lives at MSU Farm

BY DAVID GROSS
EDITOR

Eight-year-old Emory Thompson can't walk or stand alone. Functionally and mentally disabled, Thompson spends most of his day in a wheelchair, separated from other children and the physical activities they thrive on.

But every Wednesday Thompson visits the MSU Farm, where he can enjoy the thrill of horseback riding just like any other youngster would.

Through a program called Special Equestrians, Thompson and about 20 other disabled Rowan County youths are guided through riding lessons by volun-

teers from the MSU Equestrian Team and other organizations.

"The kids really learn a lot," says Jan Lewis, an employee of the Rowan County School System and the person who started the program here in 1983.

Lewis says the program provides both physical and mental therapy for the youths, which says is necessary for special needs students.

Some of these children—who range in age from 7 to 19—can make progressions, Lewis says, but "they will never reach a point of what we would call normal."

Nevertheless, the disabled children break through their horsemanship barriers.

protective riding helmets and ride with volunteers each week that MSU is in session.

Because the program is set up much like a class, the youngsters also are expected to learn terms and concepts and perform exercises and movement skills while riding their horses.

While the disabled youngsters reap obvious gains from the program, the volunteers say they also benefit.

"I feel rewarded every time I leave here, just to see their faces," says Claudia Mathis, an MSU senior who has volunteered with

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City cedes Third Street to MSU in property trade

BY ANTHONY DAVID BURNS
STAFF WRITER

The Morehead City Council voted Oct. 14 to cede ownership of Third Street to MSU in exchange for university land that is part of the Morehead City Park.

The university has plans to construct a memorial plaza in the Third Street area, between Lippin Hall and the Bell Center Building to honor those who have contributed to MSU's heritage.

Keith Kappes, vice president for University Advancement, said that portion of the street will be landscaped into a mini-plaza with furniture and greenery.

The plaza is part of the final phase construction on the multi-million-dollar Lippin Hall renovation project begun in 1991, when the street was closed off to traffic.

In 1983, the city gave MSU permission to maintain and make decisions concerning Third Street but the city

maintained ownership. In 1994, MSU President Ronald Eakin told the city the university would like to own the portion where the plaza was to be built.

Some city residents, especially those owning property on Third Street, are opposed to the transfer of ownership and have fought to reopen the street to traffic.

According to Kappes, the debate on whether to reopen Third Street has been going on for more than three years.

Kappes said the city park property has never been used by the university, and the city has controlled it for 20 years.

Morehead city council members voted unanimously to offer Third Street to MSU in return for the property in the park.

The agreement must now be approved by the MSU Board of Regents.

Senate approves distance learning course restrictions

BY ORLANDO ALLEN
STAFF WRITER

The Faculty Senate last Thursday adopted a resolution stating that MSU would not teach or accept credit for a course taught via distance learning when the same course is taught on campus with a lab or studio component.

The Academic Policy Committee, chaired by Dr. Brian Reeder, an associate professor of biology, presented the resolution.

During discussion, Autumn Grubb-Sweetman, the director of distance learning at MSU, objected to the resolution.

Grubb-Sweetman said faculty members should make the decision of whether they are capable to teach the course, rather than making a university policy for the issue.

Dr. Michael Biel, an associate professor of communication, said, "There are pressures in this program, and this resolution is to protect you against teaching a course through this media that you are incapable of teaching."

A second resolution called for the prevention of formula courses such as Special Problem Classes, Co-ops, and Directed Studies from being used in substitutions for required courses.

In discussion on that resolution, Reeder said transfer students would be hurt most by such a policy.

"If you come in late as a transfer student, it's going to take some extra time to graduate," he said.

Daryn Brown, a physical education professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, disagreed with the policy.

"This is an issue for each department to handle—it's not a university issue," he said.

Biel said, "Remember, this is not preventing a substitution for some courses for others, it's just preventing students from taking 576 Special Problem Courses [formula courses] as substitutes for core courses."

After further discussion, the senate members moved to table that resolution.

Theatre presents Steinbeck classic

Amy Talbot, as Ma Joad, welcomes her son Tom, played by Brian Phillips, home from prison in an early scene from MSU Theatre's wrapped production of "The Grapes of Wrath."

The Frank Galati play is based on the classic John Steinbeck novel that tells the tragic story of a disappointed Oklahoma family and the physical and emotional traumas its members experience traveling to California during the Great Depression.

(Photo by Robbie Hay)



Student applications sought for national convention in Houston

BY TOM MUSGRAVE
CAMPUS LIFE/ARTS EDITOR

Houston, Texas, will be the destination of students selected to be in the MSU delegation to the National Association of African-American Studies and the National Association of Hispanic and Latino Studies Conference in February.

Cawdill College of Humanities Dean Dr. Lemuel Berry, who is spearheading the trip, says that his goal is to take 16 MSU students to Houston for the national conference.

The conference will feature more than 300 speakers and give attending students the opportunity to network with approximately 2,500 to 3,000 professionals in fields ranging from education to politics, Berry said.

Among the guests slated to speak

are congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee and Hector Garza of the American Council for Education.

Dr. Rod Page, superintendent of the Houston School District, will talk about issues related to child development.

With seven simultaneous sessions per hour and an average of 85 speakers a day, Berry says MSU students "will have the opportunity to be very busy."

Students will have the opportunity to take an active part in the convention, Berry says. They will be asked to serve as moderators, introduce speakers and sit on panels. The MSU delegation will also be meet-

ing with congresswoman Lee for a private luncheon.

Selection for the trip is initially by application, Berry says. The only requirements for applying are an overall GPA of 3.0 and at least a sophomore standing. The application deadline is Oct. 29.

After applications have been turned in, students will have an interview to meet with Berry for an interview.

Expenses will be paid for students selected to attend, and a spending allowance has been allotted for each individual representing the university, Berry says.

In addition to the convention agenda, outside activities will be available to students.

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Sigma Phi Epsilon members Eddy Weber, far left, Chris Wright, J.P. Bradley (with phone), Jason Taylor, Sean Allo and Corbett Ferguson prepared their firepit for an alumni barbecue to be held during Saturday's Homecoming festivities. (Photo by Kristi Maynard)

YOUTHS from front

the program for more than two years.

"Some of these kids can't even remember their names when they're in the classroom, but they come out here and ... are able to do these things."

Portia Brewer, a junior animal science major in her first year with the program, agrees.

"I really enjoy this," she says. "I was kind of nervous at first because I didn't know what to expect. But

they make me feel good.

"They're so encouraging. After riding, they'll come up and give you a smile and a big hug."

Tamara McMillan, MSU Equestrian Team coach, says she receives personal satisfaction from her involvement with the program and the fact that members of her team are so willing to volunteer.

"It's good experience for them and a good community service project," she says. "The amount of time we put in seems really small compared to the good it does for the kids. We don't even think of it as a chore."

Instead, the volunteers say all they have to do is watch the youngsters to see that the work is

paying off.

"I just look at it as helping someone else," says Mathis. "Sometimes I leave here in tears."

JURY from front

According to Morehead City Police reports, during a vehicle registration check, police found that the 1995 Mazda 626 Murphy was driving and the registration plates and decal had been reported stolen from Fayette County earlier this year.

An indictment is only a formal charge representing one side of a case and does not establish guilt.

HOUSTON from front

the students. Among these are a tour of the Greater Houston area, a visit to the new African-American Museum and a chance to catch a Houston Rockets game.

Berry says MSU students wishing to apply should do so soon and he encourages students from all ethnic groups and all programs of study to apply for the opportunity to participate in the Houston trip.

Police Report

October 16

Clary, Jason, 19, Salyersville, speeding, no insurance.

October 21

Taylor, Tara, 18, 103 Mignon Hall, criminal summons.

Galley, Christopher, 19, 706 Mignon Tower, warrant.

Browning, Joshua, 21, Ashland, disregarding stop sign, no seat belts in use.

Simpson, Sheri, 22, East Bernstadt, disregarding stop sign, no insurance, no registration.

October 22

Lewis, Julie, 23, 803 Mignon Tower, disregarding stop sign, no seat belt in use.

Campus Calendar

BANQUET: The Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet will be held Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. in Crager Room of ADUC.

FISH FRY: The MSU Alumni Association will sponsor a free fish fry immediately following the MSU Homecoming football game Oct. 26, in the lot behind the Alumni Center.

HOMECOMING 'STEP SHOW': A step show will be held Oct. 26, at 7 p.m., at Button Auditorium. Tickets for the performance are \$5 and available at the door.

ALL GREEK JAM: An all Greek party will be held Oct. 25-26 from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. in the Drill Room in Button Auditorium. Admission is \$4 Friday and \$3 Saturday.

VIDEO PRESENTATION: The Students for Social Justice will present a one-hour video called "When Billy Broke His Head," Oct. 29, at 6 p.m. in East Room A of ADUC. The video will examine the views of the general public on disabled people and how the disabled counteract such biases.

HAUNTED HOUSE: Long John Silvers of Morehead will sponsor a haunted house Oct. 29-30 at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity house from 7:30-10 p.m. Admission at the door is \$2.50 or tickets can be purchased in advance for \$1 at the Morehead location of Long John Silvers. All proceeds will go to the University of Kentucky Children's Hospital.

CAREER DAY: The Kentucky College and Career Day is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 8, in ADUC.

And now a message from
The Trail Blazer's
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Thank you, Tres. Such a way with words...

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T.U.B.A. presents seasonal program for 1997 Octubafest

Morehead State University's Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble will present an "Octubafest Concert" on Thursday, Oct. 31, at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall on the campus.

In keeping with the season, the concert will feature Halloween music and the audience is encouraged to "come as they are in Halloween attire," says Stacy A.

Baker, assistant professor of tuba/euphonium and director of the ensemble.

Highlights of the evening will include:

Wonderland Duets by Raymond Luedke which will feature Masahito Kuroda, Japan graduate student, on euphonium; Baker on tuba, and Dr. Ricky Little, assistant

professor of voice, as narrator of poems by Lewis Carroll.

Come Sweet Death by J.S. Bach, directed by Matt Brown, Miamiburg, Ohio, junior, who is president of MSU's chapter of the Tubaists Universal Brotherhood Association.

A Little Nightmare Music, an arrangement by Barry Miller, Cynthiana senior, featuring Dean McCleese, Portsmouth, Ohio, freshman, as organist.

Other music to be performed is A Tupples Grump's Greeting of "A Hitchhock-good evening", Raiders of the Lost Ark or Indiana Jones Takes Some Low Blows; March to the Scaffold from "Symphonie Fantastique"; Evening

Prayer from "Hansel and Gretel," As Hamlets as a Stuffed Tubaist; Opening from "A Medley of the Third Kind"; Baba Yaga from "Pictures at an Exhibition," and Mars, the Bringer of War, from Holst's "The Planets."

MSU euphonium students who are members of the ensemble are: R. Scott Corbin, Louisville sophomore;

Anthony Flores, Danville sophomore; Ron Middleton, Morehead senior; T. Aaron Nicholson, West Baden, Ind., freshman; John Ruggles, Williamsburg, Ohio, freshman; Josh Schmidt, Tompkinsville freshman; Chibo Supa, Japan graduate student; Kuroda and Brown.

Students in the ensemble include: Mike Prazier, Rush freshman; Kevin

Arts Calendar

- Through Nov. 1 The artwork of Ellen Smith
tuba/euphonium and director of the ensemble.
- Oct. 23 Day of the Dead musician Ron Paveronian
will ADUC, 9:15 p.m.
Information: 783-2071
- Oct. 24 Faculty Recital: "The Music of Russell Ferrante"
Jay Flippin, keyboards
8 p.m. Duncan Recital Hall
- Nov. 1-3 Eagle Championship Speech Tournament
Breckinridge Hall
- Nov. 3 Senior Recital
Bryan A. Martin, trumpet
8 p.m. Duncan Recital Hall

Inscape accepting art entries for publication

Starving artists take heed!
Art entries are now being taken for MSU's Inscape Magazine. Works being submitted for judging must be two-dimensional, black and white or monochromatic and at least 3 by 5 inches.

Each artist may submit up to three unframed entries. The artist's name, address, phone number, title of the work and medium should be attached to the back of the work. The front of each piece should be covered with newspaper for protection.

Works being submitted must have been completed at MSU.

Eight works will be chosen to be published in Inscape Magazine. Chosen works will be returned by May 1997.

Entries must be delivered to 211 Claypool-Young Art Building from Oct. 28-Nov. 1 during the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Finalists will be announced on Dec. 3, 8 p.m. at the Fall Arts Showcase in the Claypool-Young Art Gallery.

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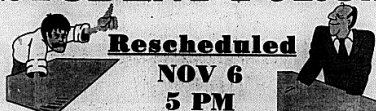


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OPINION

EDITORIALS

Students' offensive behavior inexcusable

Buton Auditorium was packed Thursday night for the opening of *The Grapes of Wrath*, MSU's first theatre production of the season.

Actors brought to life John Steinbeck's tragic tale of Oklahoma families booted off their land during the Great Depression and travelling to California in search of the promised land.

In the play's climactic ending, young Rose of Sharon experiences agonizing labor and loses her newborn baby. The family takes shelter from flooding rains in a nearby barn. Inside a man lies dying from starvation. Rose of Sharon bravely offers her breast to feed the dying man with her lost child's milk.

As the young actress playing Rose cradled the man in her arms, shouts from the audience echoed through the auditorium.

"Take it off!" yelled one young man. "Show us your tits!" shouted another. These boisterous remarks ignited other explicit and offensive comments.

This blatant and unconscionable display of distasteful ignorance was not only unsettling and disrespectful to a majority of audience members and the actors who put over two months of work into the production, it is an embarrassment and a black mark on the university that won't soon be erased.

Imagine the comments carried back to communities by patrons who came to MSU to enjoy a night of theatre.

One playgoer said the remarks came from students who were made to attend the performance by their instructors and who obviously didn't understand drama or theatre etiquette — as if that were an excuse.

Bunk! These were not 14-year-olds at a sporting event. These were college men who should know what is and what is not acceptable public behavior.

If they don't, why are they here?

H.M.

Grading policy should be revised or nixed

When mid-term grades were distributed last week, it is a safe assumption that some students were left scratching their heads in disbelief and in many cases experiencing feelings of unwarranted relief or complete dismay.

At MSU, this grade-related confusion is as regular as the yearly change of color in the leaves. As the mid-term grade policy stands now, instructors are required to register a grade for each student.

But the policy obviously does not require that professors turn in an averaged grade that accurately reflects each student's achievement and progress at the halfway point in the semester. Many professors opt to distribute "blanket grades" — some all B's, some all C's. While this method may be convenient for instructors, it can be extremely misleading and detrimental to the progress of some students.

When students doing exceptionally bad in their classes receive a mid-term grade sheet full of blanket C's they may be fooled into believing their sub-par work is acceptable and their lackluster effort will get them successfully through that semester's classes.

For students who show initiative in their classes and earn high marks on exams and papers, several blanket C's may discourage them by giving the impression that they cannot do well in their classes, no matter how much effort they put into their work.

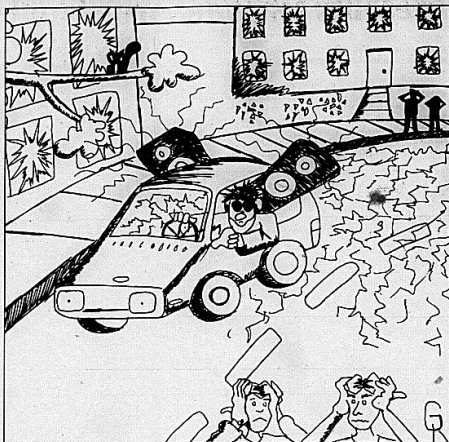
Also, some students have scholarships that are renewed on a mid-term basis rather than a yearly basis. Blanket grades can cause these students to lose what might be their only means of attending school.

Instructors should either be made to accurately average mid-term grades for all students each semester, or the issuing of mid-term grade reports should be eliminated altogether.

Students deserve an accurate representation of their class performance. If not provided with that, they certainly shouldn't be given false impressions of their progress.

In this case, no news is better than wrong news.

M.C.



Beastie Boys breach bounds of British lit

When I came to MSU in August, 1993, I was overwhelmed by aspects of college life that were either foreign or completely nonexistent in high school.

From having to cover what seemed like 40-mile trek between classes in less than 10 minutes, to sitting in classes with 70 other students who all looked as bewildered as me, college was an exciting new world in a galaxy far, far away.

One aspect of college life at MSU that irked me way back then, still irks me today. I'm talking about some students feeling compelled, at all hours of the day, to subject the rest of the campus population to their louder-than-bleat, boomastic, earth-shaking, glass-shattering stereo systems.

Before I came to college, I had no problem with loud music. As a matter of fact, I actually enjoyed listening to music at volumes that probably disgusted, and maybe even frightened, others subjected to the spillover.

But after being forced to sit through classes and witnessing plaster crumble from the walls and windows violently rattled to the ever-familiar thump and grind of AC/DC's "Back in Black," I started to acquire a dislike for 120-plus decibel music and mammoth car stereos in general.

The ear-bleeding car stereo volume competition is a common daily occurrence, but now it seems as if most proud owners of these monster systems have opted to up their seismic potential by swapping their AC/DC collection for various dance club tapes that contain music that ties somewhere on the more deadly levels of the bass spectrum.

While I'm on the subject of car stereos, I don't want to be the God-of-Thunder-Earwax Removal 2000 home stereo system to get jealous.

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Commentary

Columnist to UK fans: Get a life!

This week's topic: Evolution. No, I'm not trying to stir up controversy ... at least not yet.

I really do have a valid point to make. We, as Kentuckians, are at a turning point in our cultural evolution. How we react may determine the image we convey for generations — nay, for all eternity.

As Kentuckians, we have reached the point where we can say either, "No. I choose not to live vicariously through the UK basketball team," or

"hey, Ned, turn on the game and pass the pork rinds!" I'm really worried and I'll tell you why. For the past few weeks all the hubbub in Lexington has been about a study. UK is proposing to examine the feasibility of constructing an on-campus basketball arena for the beloved Wildcats. This facility would, of course, replace the current Blumbeck's Mecca, Rupp Arena.

I don't suppose now-would-be a good time to bring up what UK professors think about this study. You know, the intellectual types with the hooded gowns and funny hats who teach the classes, the folks in charge of imparting learning through UK's academic curriculum.

"Academic curriculum?" What's that?" I hear Joe Blumbeck ask. That's exactly my point. Ask anyone off the street to think of a

phrase to describe Harvard and they'll probably say "rigorous academic standards." Ask them to describe UK and they'll probably give you eighteen synonyms for basketball.

What's the message I'm trying to get across? I HATE BASKETBALL! I hate it for what it has done to the state in which I was born and the town I call home. I hate that on the campus of UK it has cast a shadow over things which are by far more important — like that "academic curriculum" thing I discussed earlier.

And so I say with as much passion as I can muster, to all you people whose lives revolve around UK basketball: to the guy who parked his RV outside Memorial Coliseum weeks in advance so he could get his

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Letter to the Editor

Cox says 'Greek' editorial same old whine story

Recently your paper published an editorial entitled, "Honors Organizations Deserve More Support." I want to address two issues that you raised in your editorial.

One — in regards to Phi Sigma Pi and your comments that the Greek Affairs Office does not recognize Phi Sigma Pi as a true Greek organization. You are correct to a certain point. My office does NOT recognize Phi Sigma Pi as a social fraternity or sorority. It is an honor fraternity. Read its constitution or its mission statement. It is not a member of the National Interfraternity Conference, nor the National Panhellenic, nor the National Pan-

Hellenic Council. It is not a single sex organization. Therefore, quite comparing apples to oranges!

There are many organizations on campus with greek letter names. That does not make them a social fraternity or sorority. There are different types of greek letter organizations: social, honor, professional, and recognition societies. Each serve a different purpose. I suggest those who find the distinction between the different types hard to understand, visit the Camden-Carroll Library and examine the *Burns' Manual of American College Fraternities* in which Phi Sigma Pi is described as "an undergraduate professional honor fraternity" (page V-94-95).

Second issue: The same old cry and whine story about the Greeks dominating everything. Each year it seems that I have to address this issue. If you wonder why they domi-

nate everything, ask yourself these questions: Are the clubs who seem to be ignored have their members taking active roles within Student Government and the Student Activities Council? Do their members get out and vote at student elections? Do their members sit on university standing committees? What are their members doing to bring recognition to their student organization?

You don't see the BSU or the Residence Hall Association (RHA) whining and complaining about the Greek involvement. Why? Because many of their own members also take an active role in campus life. For example, outside of the Greeks, the BSU boasts the largest percentage of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges then any other student organization at MSU. You will notice that the RHA is well repre-

sented in this year's homecoming court and in many other areas on campus. So my point is this. If an organization is being ignored by the university, ask them "what have you done for this university?" or "what do you do?"

Every student organization on this campus is made up of a common element: students! It is those students who decide what their organization is going to do, or the image their group will portray, or whether they decide to make a difference in the student life at MSU. Every organization on this campus can make a difference if they want. Take a look at the MSU Pan-Hellenic chapter for example. It is one of the smallest groups here at MSU, but look at the events they have undertaken to plan for alumni at homecoming! Clubs like them deserve recognition from faculty, staff, students, and alumni!

DAVID COX
GREEK AFFAIRS

CAMPUS COMMENT

Do you feel mid-term grades are a necessity? Why or why not?



Tim Frasure
Senior, Industrial Technology
"We don't need grades. We should keep up with them ourselves."



John Brown
Freshman, Undecided
"Yes, they let you know where you stand."



Shannon Garrett
Senior, Industrial Technology
"The grades good, but the tests suck."



Frank Spencer
Freshman, Art Education
"Yes, to see how you are doing in class."

VOICE YOUR OPINION!

The Trail Blazer welcomes reader responses and opinions in its Letters column. Letters should be 400 words or less, signed, and include the writer's address and phone number (for verification purposes only). Letters must be received in The Trail Blazer office (Room 102 Breckinridge Hall) by 4 p.m. Friday for the next week's publication. Letters are printed as received. However, The Trail Blazer reserves the right to edit for clarity, brevity, and legal considerations.

Staff member enjoys getting students on right path

Peggy Overly, a staff member for more than 10 years, has been named minority student affairs assistant director at MSU.

A Mason County native, Overly most recently served as a minority recruiter in the Office of Admissions.

In her new role, she will work in diversity awareness programs as well as retention of the nearly 250 minority students on campus.

"I enjoy motivating students and helping them get on the right path to a college education," Overly said. "My greatest joy is seeing those students, especially those who had a negative experience with the system,

walk across the stage at graduation."

During the next year, Overly will be involved in a number of projects, including: working with the Little Sister/Little Brother Peer Counseling Program that matches freshmen with upperclassmen for studying and guidance, helping students develop a career profile to keep them on line to graduating, and developing a minority student handbook.

Overly is a member of the National Association of College Admission Counselors, Kentucky Association of Blacks in Higher Education, Kentucky Association of Collegiate Registrars and serves with the Admissions Officers and



Peggy Overly

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

A former Rowan County coordinator for Kentucky Educational Television, she was listed in Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges and twice named Outstanding Young Women of America.

She is the adviser for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Non-Traditional Minority Student Association and Ladies and serves as treasurer of the African-American Professionals Coalition.

The recipient of numerous awards, Overly has been recognized as an Adult Achiever by the YMCA Black Achievers of Louisville and

was a participant in the Non-Governmental Organization Forum held in China last year.

A three-time graduate of MSU, Overly earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in fashion merchandising in 1981, Bachelor of Science degree in clothing and textiles in 1983, and a Master of Arts degree in adult and higher education in 1984.

Overly is the mother of two children. Her daughter Rana, an MSU graduate, is a graduate student at the University of Kentucky and has a daughter, Quiera. Overly's son Tjuan, a graduate of Fisk University, is enrolled in UK's medical school.

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Boram will facilitate "Trunk of Knowledge" program

A workshop exploring the life of a tree through the use of sections of its trunk, will be held on the MSU campus on Friday.

"The Trunk of Knowledge," designed for math and science teachers who teach K through fifth grades, will run from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the Eagle Dining Room at ADUC.

Dr. Robert Boram, an MSU associate professor of science, will be the program facilitator. He currently is chair of the Science Education Committee for the Kentucky Association of Science.

Teachers will receive training on how to implement this course work in wood products which has been

approved as KERA curriculum. There is no cost for attending when reservations are made in advance.

The day-long workshop session is sponsored by MSU's Center for Community and Economic Development and the Kentucky Wood Products Competitiveness Corporation.

Additional training programs for elementary teachers will be held during the coming year at various sites including Pine Mountain and Ashland. During the Fall 1997 term, an essay contest will be held with a computer being awarded to the winning student's school by the KWPC.

Ten students receive \$1,000 awards

Caudill College of Humanities announces scholarships

MSU has announced that 10 students are receiving Dean's Scholarships from the Caudill College of Humanities for the fall semester.

Selection of the award recipients was based on the interest in the college's curriculum and academic achievement.

Among those receiving the \$1,000 awards were:

Katherine Byley, daughter of

Mark Byley of Taylor Mill. She is a graduate of Scott County High School.

Maureen Edralin, daughter of Arthur Edralin of Ashland. She is a graduate of Paul Blazer High School.

Angela Ford of Coxs Creek, a graduate of Nelson City Senior High School.

Heather Gersak, daughter of Bill and Kathy Gersak of Ashland. She is

a graduate of Paul Blazer High School.

Kara Hill, daughter of Regina Hill of Ashland. She is a graduate of Paul Blazer High School.

Kyle Hopkins, son of Nelson Hopkins of Whitesburg. He is a graduate of Whitesburg High School.

Brandon Lauhon, son of Bill Lauhon of Ashland. He is a graduate of Fairview High School.

Alex Mosier, son of Allen Mosier of Olive Hill. He is a graduate of West Carter High School.

Brandy Penix, daughter of Bill Penix of Ashland. She is a graduate of Paul Blazer High School.

Amie Richardson, daughter of Vanessa Richardson of New Hope. She is a graduate of Nelson City Senior High School.

The Dean's Scholarship is non-renewable.

BEASTIE BOYS from page 4

I also own a fairly healthy home stereo system, but I always saw bringing it and all of its 400 components to campus as a hassle, especially since students are not supposed to play music at volumes that annoy others.

Unfortunately, many students, including my wonderful neighbors, see nothing wrong with bringing their superlative death machines to campus. Some of them seem to just love pushing the sonic envelope to the point that their dorm directors send armed assassins to quietly "erase" the perpetrators and their noise producers.

I know all of this sounds like a bit of whining, and to be quite honest, it is! Just try to sit down

and analyze the finer points of British literature in the 1800's while the Beastie Boys are having a private concert on your floor that slowly causes your eardrums to cave in.

Trust me. It's not fun.

UK

from page 4

season tickets; to anyone who would pay three figures for a ticket to a UK hoops game, GET A LIFE!

"But Tom, UK basketball is all I've got. What else can I do?"

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Any other questions?

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Doan publishes official college cheerleading coaches' manual

Often when we think of athletes, we do not include cheerleaders. But the time, training and athletic ability required of this group rivals other sports.

Not only do they provide enthusiasm for the team they support, but they themselves must engage in competition at the state, regional and national levels.

Each year cheerleading gets more competitive and more demanding, according to Myron Doan, the cheerleading coach at MSU.

"There's more emphasis on the

gymnastics and tumbling requirements and the routines get more complex," he said. "The participants must be dedicated or they could never keep up with the necessary regimen."

And as the requirements for the squads change, there are additional responsibilities for the coach. He or she must be knowledgeable of the safety standards and cheer programs as approved by the Universal Cheerleaders Association as well as the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Advisors.

But Doan is sharing the knowledge he has learned in the more than 15 years he has been coaching MSU's squad. Last year he prepared and edited "The Collegiate Cheerleader," which has been endorsed by the UCA as the official college cheer coaches' manual.

The publication includes information on: safety, coaches' legal responsibilities, performer readiness, competition and nutritional safety.

Because techniques change so rapidly, he already is planning for

the first revision in 1997.

Of MSU's three cheerleading squads, Doan is direct supervisor and coach for the co-ed varsity squad which cheers for football and men's basketball, and the Lady Eagle varsity squad which cheers for women's basketball games.

He also works closely with a graduate assistant who coaches the MSU's cheer squad which performs at men's basketball games.

Being a cheerleader means being willing to make sacrifices for the good of the squad, Doan said.

"They must go to classes like other students, but in addition, they attend practices three times a week and perform at athletic events, some of which occur during the time when other students are on break."

Doan is concerned that some people still have the misconception that being selected as a cheerleader is a "popularity" contest. But in modern competitions, participants must be physically fit, self-disciplined and demonstrate athletic ability.

In addition, because they are ambassadors for the university, they must be poised, articulate and project a positive appearance and image.

"After making the team, competition among the squad's members usually keeps the individuals on their toes to remain on the team," Doan said, noting that he has been fortunate in not having to deal with behavioral problems that other coaches have experienced.

MSU's cheerleaders are in practice almost all year. There are tryouts in April, summer practice in May and then camp in August.

When school starts, so do the 10 hours a week of practice to get ready for football and basketball season. Whether they get a spring break or winter holiday depends on the university's athletic schedule.

As the squad prepares for this year's competition, it will do so under pressure of being the winners of the National College Cheerleading Championship. In fact, MSU won the national title in Division I for the sixth consecutive year and its seventh time in nine appearances. Qualifying rounds will be held in November for the 1997

competition scheduled for Jan. 11 in Orlando.

"When we go to competition, the only thing I ask is that they do the best they can do."

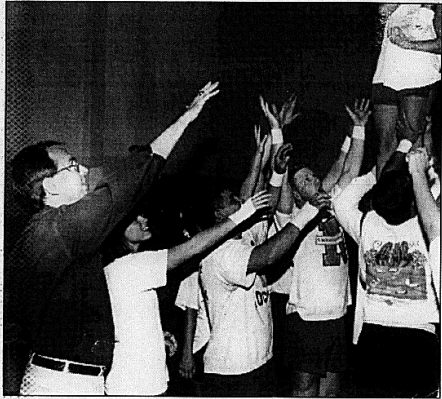
But he is pleased that the hard work of the varsity cheerleaders did not go unnoticed this year.

The team was profiled in the

August 1996 edition of "American Cheerleader," complete with photo and comments by one of the members.

Being national winners in not the ultimate goal, Doan is quick to stress.

"I just want them to have fun and enjoy the experience."



Eagle Cheerleading coach Myron Doan, left, gives pointers to his squad. (Photo by Tim Holbrook)

Ballard says time off a bonus

TRES DEAN

SPORTS EDITOR
The MSU Football team is looking to catch another winning streak as they get set for the Homecoming weekend. The Eagles host St. Joseph's College on Saturday afternoon.

The 3-and-2 Eagles are on the rebound after a 41-14 pounding at the hands of Wakefield College two weekends ago. MSU had an open date last weekend, and Head Coach Matt Ballard has taken full advantage of the time off.

"These past two weeks have allowed us to heal," Ballard said. "A lot of our guys had some serious bumps and bruises that needed rest."

Ballard said his Eagles have been hurting on both sides of the football.

"On offense, Chris Berry, David Bone, and Anthony Ravize have been beat on all year long.



Matt Ballard

plus our offensive line has taken quite a pounding," said Ballard.

"On the other side of the coin, defenders such as McKenzie McKnight and Scott Marsh both have banged-up shoulders," said Ballard. "It's very important for all of these guys to be at 100 percent."

The Eagles also went back to school, so to speak, in order to prepare for the Pumas.

"We've really taken these past two weeks to work on our basic techniques and fundamentals," Ballard said. "The guys have worked mainly on their timing and individual assignments. Our defense has had to put in overtime planning to guard against the offense, because St. Joseph's runs it to perfection."

St. Joseph's checks in at 5-and-2 and is coming off a 27-22 win over Union last weekend. Coach Ballard said he thinks the Pumas are very similar to his team's last opponent.

"St. Joseph's isn't a lot different than Wakefield," Ballard said. "They're a one ball triple-option type team that puts a lot of pressure on their opponents. They also have a great defense, but won't be quite as physical as the Terriers. They are very quick and rely on their speed."

Even though Ballard knows his team is in for a tough football game, the MSU coach has confidence in his squad.

"We've done our homework the past two weeks," said Ballard. "We should be able to recognize and counter their attack. The exciting homecoming atmosphere and the fans in Jayne Stadium will have our guys pumped up and ready to play."

Eagle Sports Lineup

Oct. 26

MSU Volleyball: MSU vs Tennessee Tech, 12 p.m. Wetherby Gymnasium.

Football: MSU vs St. Joseph College, 1:30 p.m. Jayne Stadium.

Oct. 29

MSU Volleyball: MSU at Xavier, 7:30 p.m.

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